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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PARIS: CYPRUS, AEGEAN, AND
MALTA.

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1. CYPRUS AND AEGEAN - WE SUGGEST HARTMAN TAKE FOLLOWING
LINE IF DE LABOULAYE RAISES CYPRUS AND AEGEAN:

-- WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT VIENNA CYPRUS TALKS WILL LEAD TO
PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT, THAT TWO KEY ISSUES OF TERRI-

TORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SERIOUS AND MEANINGFUL WAY, AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME IN NICOSIA LATER IN APRIL.

-- US WILL CONTINUE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER UN AUSPICES AND WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT USEFULLY BE DONE FOLLOWING VIENNA ROUND TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINED, SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

-- EUR/SE DIRECTOR LEDSKY, WHO IS IN VIENNA IN CONNECTION CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, IS IN CONTACT WITH UK FCO REP IN EC-9 PRESIDENCY CAPACITY, BUT HE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO TALK WITH VIENNA FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER IF LATTER SHOULD SO DESIRE.

-- WE AGREE ON IMPORTANCE OF AEGEAN ISSUES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND THE RISKS OF NEW AND MORE DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION. WE HAVE USED EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO URGE MUTUAL RESTRAINT AND A SERIOUS EFFORT TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES THROUGH A PROCESS OF DIRECT DIALOGUE. WE WOULD HOPE FRENCH AND OTHER EC-9 MEMBER STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME.

-- WE HAVE BEGUN INTERNAL CONSIDERATION OF AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND OTHER ISSUES TO SEE WHAT IF ANY ROLE WE COULD USEFULLY PLAY. FRANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER EC COUNTRIES MIGHT ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER WHAT MORE THEY COULD DO ON AEGEAN PROBLEMS.

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2. MALTA - WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF AID TO MALTA AFTER THE BASE AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN 1979. WE NOTE THAT THE JUSTIFICATION TO CONGRESS FOR OUR CURRENT ASSISTANCE TO MALTA RELATES TO BRITISH AND NATO USE OF THE NAVAL BASE, AND MAY NOT BE VALID AFTER 1979. (BLOT'S URGINGS NOTWITHSTANDING, WE BELIEVE OUR SIDELINES POSITION IN MINTOFF'S PRESSURE GAME WITH ITALIANS, GERMANS, ETC., HAS SERVED US WELL, AND WE SEE NO REASON TO SEEM EAGER TO GO IN.)
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